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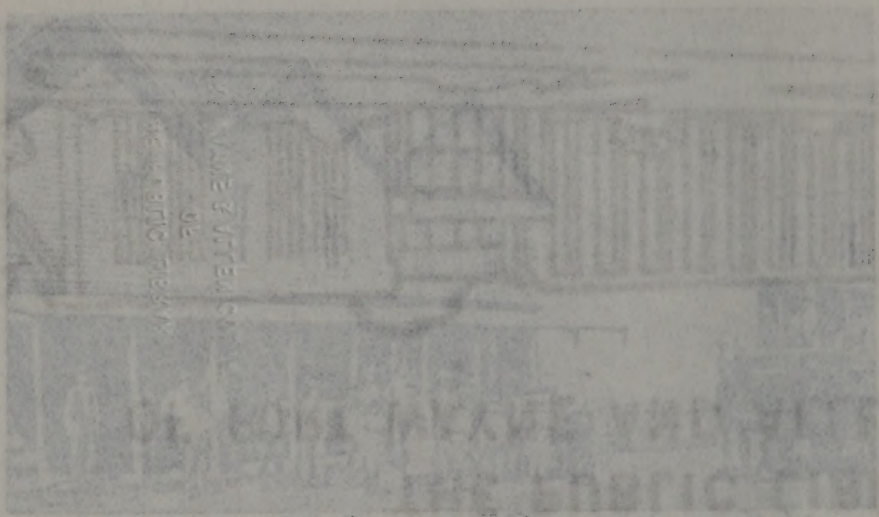
PALO CENTENNIAL

June 4-5, 1954



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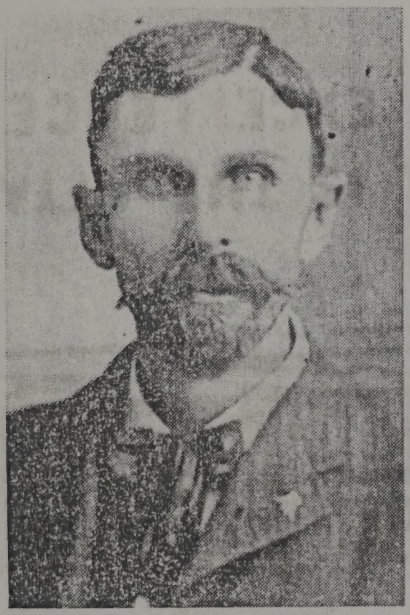

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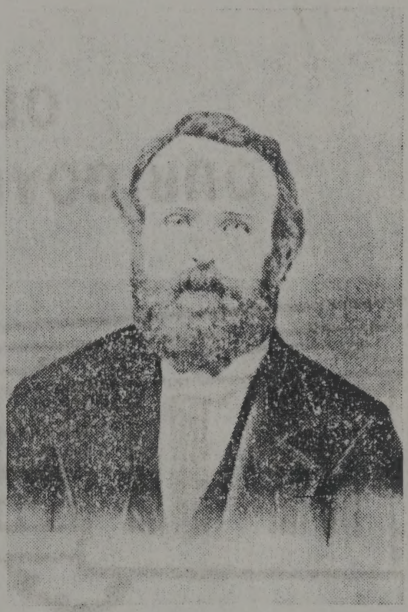

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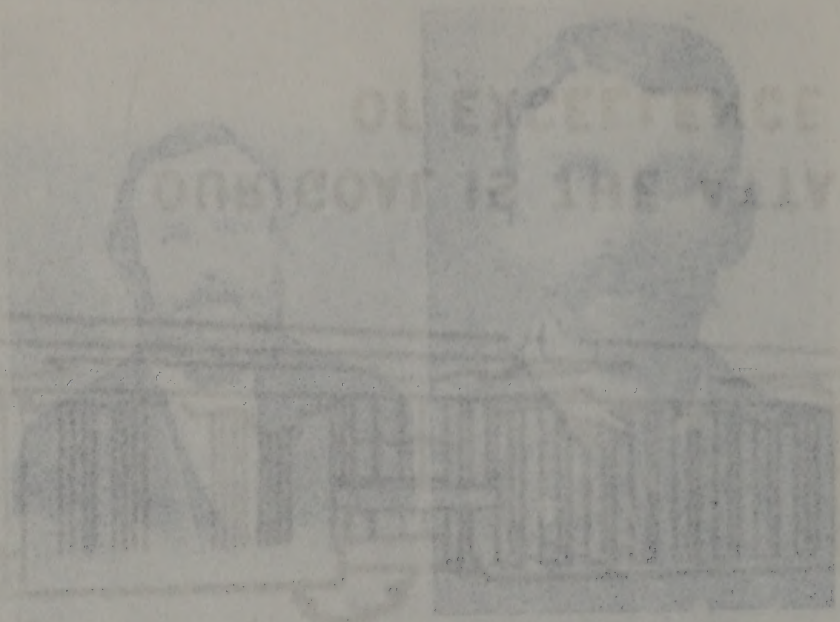

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Oldest Picture of Palo

The Present Zeller Garage is on the site of the building on the left.

How Town Received Name

Palo, was named by Dr. Bardwell of Marion, who had the naming of new postoffice here about 1849,—which was established shortly after the battle of Palo Alta, he used short version—Palo. The town retained the name of the Post Office.

Palo was the sixth town established in Linn county. The first was Marion, then Cedar Rapids, Mt. Vernon, Lisbon, and Center Point just a few months before Palo.

Other towns having the early '39 settlers were:—Western, Bertram, Ely, Springville and Viola, but they did not plat their towns until later.

"Fayette", ranks among the first townships established in Linn county which occurred in January of 1841: We give them in order of their admission, Marion township; Franklin, Washington and Fayette. Brown in July, other townships followed during later years.

EARLY HISTORY STARTED IN MARCH 1839

This history begins with the spring of 1839, when the first settlers arrived. Congress had voted to open the territory that later became Iowa, to homesteaders. There had been no survey of the land, and boundaries were difficult to ascertain. Later in 1841 Fayette township was organized. It lies west of the Cedar river and the Benton county line is its western boundary. Early settlers found the township an ideal location, with the timber necessary for homes and fuel.

First Settlers

Joseph Strawn came on March 28, 1839 and settled three and one-half miles northwest of the later site of Palo. He was the first white man to come to this township. He kept "bachelor's hall" for six years. In the year 1845, he married Tabitha Lewis, a sister of "Uncle Thomas" Lewis. Joseph had three children, William L., Thomas J., and Nathan. About ten years ago, a large cottonwood tree was cut down on his farm, that he had planted in 1843, when he got off his horse and took the switch or twig he had been using for a driving whip, and stuck it in the ground. The Linn County History book of 1878, records the tree was 14 feet in diameter at that date. Just a few years ago, the tree had to be cut down, as it became dangerous to have it so near the road. Joseph Strawn's farm today belongs to his descendents, with Bob Little as tenant at the present time.

Joseph Strawn was followed by Thomas Lewis and his brother John on March 29, 1839. These three men were the first settlers in Fayette township.

THOMAS AND JOHN LEWIS. BROTHERS

Thomas Lewis began the history of Fayette Township when he crossed the Cedar river, traveled northward and camped on March 29, 1839. He entered the first quarter section of government land in Fayette Township, it being also the first quarter section entered west of the Cedar river in Linn county north of Cedar Rapids. With him was his brother John. They staked out claims and paid the government $1.25 per acre for three sections of government land. John and Thomas Lewis broke up 15 acres and planted corn. These were the first furrows ever turned in Fayette township. Much of the work of clearing the land was done by oxen. The Lewis brothers came from Pennyslvania, and John returned in the fall and brought his family.

Melissa Lewis' Diary

John's little daughter, Melissa Tabitha Lewis, was four years old when they made the trip by covered wagon. She became Mrs. Archibald Elson. Years later before her death she recorded the following, given briefly:—

Father and Uncle Tommy came in the spring, and broke up the prairie and planted corn and grains. Father John returned for us. When we moved to Iowa we came in covered wagons drawn by horses and oxen. We had two yokes of oxen 1 red and 1 white, called Mike and Ned—the other, a black and a white, called Baley and Isaac, and we had two horses. The wagons were covered, and had boxes on the back end of the wagon to feed the horses, underneath the wagon was hung a long narrow bucket, called the tar bucket, containing grease for the wagons. The roads were very bad, and there wasn't any bridges. When we came to the Mississippi river, we had to cross it by ferry. The boat was on the west side of the river, and we called by blowing on a conch shell that hung on a tree for that purpose. We finally arrived at Uncle Tommys cabin, it was 10 or 12 feet square, made of logs covered with bark. We had eight in family. We cut logs and put up our cabin in the fall. Our new cabin was 20 feet square, built of round logs with bark on. We had two small windows and one door. The door had wooden hinges and a wooden latch. The floor was made of split logs, and roof was of clapboards, held in place by weight of poles laid over them. We had three beds all in a row, a ladder led to the garret where we had two more beds. We had shelves for dishes. We had a fireplace and a crane with chain and hook to hang the big iron kettle to cook on. We cooked hominy, spuds, and wild game. We drew water out of a well, and washed in a big iron kettle. We often caught prairie chickens in traps for food.

Father was a blacksmith. He built the first grist mill, made the burrs himself. (These burrs are still located at the present Dewey

Robbins farm on Bear Creek; burrs were made of stone by John). He made plows, and wagons, etc. Father built a flat boat and run it down to St. Louis. He had to drive hogs to Dubuque to sell them. The first post office was at Marion and it cost 10c for letter postage. We held the first church in our cabin. It took four weeks for a Methodist minister to make the circuit and arrive at our home. At one meeting some of the boys put red peppers in a kettle, and everyone began to cough. I was eight years old before I went to school. My mother, Martha, taught the first school in our cabin. We girls wore blue drilling dresses, or course muslin colored with bark or copperas, we always went barefooted in the summer. The boys wore buckskin breeches, that often shrunk when the breeches got wet and boys got to close to the fire.

NOTE: John and Martha Lewis (1839) were the grandparents of Mrs. Zen Jones now living in Shellsburg. They are the great grandparents of Mrs. Will Andrew of Palo.

Thomas Lewis and His Two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Gainer and Mrs. Joseph Strawn.

THE THOMAS LEWIS FAMILY AND FARMS

Thomas Lewis was born in Pennsylvania September 2, 1809, and came to Fayette township March 29, 1839. His first wife was, Elizabeth Davis. They had children Margaret, Levi, 1850. Isabelle and Sarah, who died as infant.

His second wife was, Mary White, they had six children: William, 1860, Nathan, 1856, John 1858, Thomas Clark, 1865, Ella, 1860, and Angeline 1863. We give a later report of his children. John Lewis at Palo, both he and his wife Sadie lived at Palo over 93 years, he died three years ago, and Sadie a few months ago. Children living today are: Thomas Clark Lewis, Palo farmer retired to Center Point in recent years. A daughter, Mrs. Angeline McCorkle lives in Cedar Rapids now, and another daughter Mrs. Eleanor Clark lives in Chicago, and William in Kansas City, Kansas. Names of others, now deceased were: Mrs. Isabelle King, Oklahoma. Nathan of Palo.

Today,—Centennial year,—the Thomas Lewis farms are one hundred and fifteen years old, and the Lewis heirs have lived continuously on the land. The present owners are Orland Lewis, (son of Thomas Clark); and Ira Lewis, (son of John). Some of Thomas, Sr., great grandchildren live with their families, on some of the acres.

Also living in Palo are: Mrs. Ida Lewis, a daughter-in-law of Thomas, Sr., and Mrs. Gary Railsback, a granddaughter. G. L. Railsback and his sisters are great grandchildren of this early pioneer.

The Lewis family hold a record, not only in years, but in number that came to Fayette township. Levi, the father of John and Thomas, joined his sons and brought along his wife and the others of his family of four boys and six girls. The Levi Lewis' with their ten children and their families migrated to Dubuque in 1838. John (oldest son) and Thomas pushed on to Palo. The others spent the winter at Dubuque waiting to cross the Mississippi, but the entire family arrived here in 1839. Father Levi died in 1871 and his tombstone and grave are in the Lewis Bottom cemetery.

NOTE: If time and space permitted, we could list many farm homesteads, nearly one hundred years old retained by heirs, some of the buildings that old are still standing, sturdy houses now modernized, they show proof of the skill of the pioneers.

MRS. EMILY WRIGHT

Mrs. Wright came to Palo in 1852 with her parents, at the age of seven years. Her grandparents came with them by covered wagon, and they bought government land at $3 per acre, purchasing the farm where Arthur Rankin now is owner. Emily McVey, daughter of Peter McVey married Lumir Wright. Today her son, Clark Wright, lives in Palo. He has the hub from the wagon wheel that brought the family to Palo, one hundred and two years ago.

MRS. JOHN McALLISTER RESIDENT OF PALO FOR 93 YEARS

Mrs. Orissa Effigene McAllister, widow of John McAllister and a pioneer resident of Linn County, lived south of Palo in Lincoln church neighborhood.

She was born Nov. 15, 1846, in St. Lawrence County, New York, the year Iowa was admitted to the union. In 1852 when she was six years old, her parents, Bradley and Minerva Hutchins, and her six brothers and sisters came to Iowa, travelling by horse and wagon as far as Illinois. There they obtained a team of oxen and continued to Iowa in a covered wagon to a spot nine miles northwest of Cedar Rapids, near Palo, where they settled. The place was a wilderness of prairie and it was necessary for Mr. Hutchins to plow two furroughs to the schoolhouse so that the children could find the way. Land sold for $1.25 an acre and Mr. Hutchins obtained his from the government.

Cedar Rapids had two stores when Mrs. McAllister first saw it and at the age of 13 she saw the first train pull into Cedar Rapids. She spent most of her life on the farm near Palo. She died in 1937 at the age of 91. This centennial year, we find her grandson, Robert McAllister living on her one hundred year old farm, three miles southwest of Palo.

OLD SETTLERS

Dyer, Hiram and Henry Usher came with their father Semour Usher, and settled two mlies southwest. John Cue settled one mile north of town about 1839.

George C. McCorkle came in 1845, then a young man, and lived with his stepfather, John Hollenbeck. His brother, B. McCorkle, came about the same time.

P. B. Yates and family located in March 1846, three miles southwest on the opposite side of the Cedar River. He came over in 1850 and settled adjoining the village site on the southwest. Mrs. Yates and her sons later lived in the village

Curtis Dunklee came in 1856, lived across road from John Hollenbeck. He was a cooper (making of tubs and buckets). His daughter, Hulda Dunklee taught the "Goose Hill" school about 1858, after her father Curtis' death in 1857. Emily McVey (Wright) was one of her pupils. Hulda Dunklee married Alonzo Kellogg, and they are great grandparents of Mrs. Loyal Melton.

John Miles settled one-half mile southwest, Peter McVey, one mile northwest. William Wheeler, adjoining him on the east, Samuel and W. J. Whiting, three-quarters of a mile south; Nathaniel Chipman settled one and a quarter west about 1848. James McArthur 1846 and Joseph McMannis 1851 lived on farms about one mile

south; Stephen Morris bought land of Andrew Hollenbeck in the fall of 1854 adjoining Mr. Cue's farm on the south.

THE JAMES McARTHUR FAMILY

Back row, left to right, Alvin Jasper, Jane McArthur Yates, Emory, Parrett.
Middle row, Merritt, Mary, James (father), Emma McArthur Yates.
Front, Earl and Alden.

These are but a few of those who settled in the vicinity before the town was laid off. Sometime before that event when John Hollenbeck kept a tavern and post office in his house, now known as the old tavern stand, his son Andrew established a store in the tavern which was operated by his brother David.

John C. Cole in 1854 purchased a farm of Mr. Pierce and lived south of the creek.

The first building was a shanty erected in 1854 by Charles Perry, but was soon torn down.

In the following spring, John McCray erected the first log cabin, in the southwest part of town, on the site of the sawmill where he lived for one and a half years when he was killed by the caving of a well which he was digging. The cabin afterward was torn down.

PALO'S FIRST AUTO — 1905

Back Seat, Mrs. Sally Cain, Mrs. Charles Rabe.
Front Seat, John Cain, Charles Rabe.

In the same spring and about the same time John Stratford built the second log house, on Lot 1, Block 8, which is still standing as a wagon shop. Mr. Stratford established a boot and shoe business which he continued for twenty years, having given up the bench for the past three years.

The store building of Andrew Hollenbeck passed into the ownership of William Greene in 1855 and the business was discontinued for a brief period, being re-established by Fleek and McAfee in 1856, who sold to N. F. Miller.

The first blacksmith shop was operated by P. B. Yates, east of town, who was succeeded by his son Ezekial in 1851. Thomas J. McConaly established the next blacksmith shop soon after the town was formed and has continued for years. Another shop was established by James Lawson. Norman Root made boots and shoes for over twenty years. A. Roider's shop later had shoes. David Johnson has done carpenter work there since 1856.

After two years in business Fleek and McAfee sold to Rev. Soloman R. Weaver, afterward President of Western College, who moved the store to the third building from Yates store on Vinton Street, which was built by James Hayes, sold to John Hollenbeck and rented to Lucian, a son of Soloman Weaver, operator of the store. The vil-

lage store then passed successively into the charge of Joseph Morris, W. W. Murray, Mr. Wilkenson, C. W. Yates and P. B. Yates and Brothers, who are now its proprietors. Until 1876 this was the only general store of the village. At that time another was established by Oyer and Nelson who sold out and were followed by J. Y. Steir in 1876, who has also closed his store. Though there have been several pettifoggers, Allen S. Hurtt opened the first law office in 1877.

The first drugstore was that of Dr. J. Strickleppe. Later operated by John Holman.

The railroad was built just southwest of the village in 1869-70 and James Spaulding made first station agent followed by V. C. Hemmenway, S. W. Fuller, and Thomas Clifford who also has the express office.

Joel Sargent rented the tavern of Mr. Hollenbeck in 1858. The next hotel was that of T. J. McConaly. Other hotels later were the "Palo House" by Samuel Wells, and the "Iowa House" by D. G. Cain.

Many years ago a sawmill operated by steam was constructed and later a plane was added in the southwestern part of the town and operated by John McCray. Locating it now would be near Ode Woods home.

Palo and Its Business Men of 1891

By Editor of Shellsburg Newspaper, 1891

Quote "Palo, Iowa, this 9th day of July, 1891. Tuesday we made a trip to our sister town of Palo, and found things rather quiet, owing to the farmers being so busy in the hay fields. Our first visit was with:

List of merchants, given below:

1. Rawson & Lewis, general store, dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, etc.

2. J. C. Sarchett's, postmaster and general store, was postmaster.

3. Grant & Elson, meat market.

4. "C. W. Yates & Co.'s" are putting in a new line of general merchandise. But they are not open for business as yet and will not be for a few days to come, as the job of marking goods has not been accomplished. They expect to put in a fine line and help the trade of their town by pulling in new customers."

5. Ed Angle, blacksmith, pump and windmills.

6. John Cain, "nice clean drug store," and line of groceries and tobaccos.

Palo, the town is located near the Cedar river amidst a

good farming country and has many good people, but now and then we find someone who either wants to be smart or ornery, we can't say which and the following deviltry is perpetrated.

Read this letter, dated, Palo, Iowa, this 9th day July, 1891. Edward Engle: you are hereby notified that your drunken career is about finished. You will take this as your first notice and should the second be required, look out

Signed, "White Caps."

The Shellsburg Editor continues in Mayor Edward Engles defense. The above is a true copy, and 4 other Palo citizens have received one of the same import. The party that wrote it, has not covered his tracks very well, because one of the parties to be decapitated has some handwriting that corresponds very nicely with the hand in the letter." End of Quote.

Modern Comment. Quick call the F.B.I. ! ! ! ?

Find Your Ancestors

Census 1878 — Fayette Township

Adams, William - farmer.
Ahart, E.—farmer.
Barnhill, Joseph—Palo Postmaster.
Batchelder, L. N.—farmer.
Beatty, Charles—farmer.
Blackburn, David—farmer.
Blackwell, James—farmer.
Blackwell, W.—farmer.
Bloodgood, A. S.—farmer.
Bloodgood, H. S.—farmer.
Bloodgood, L. E.—farmer
Booth, H. I.—farmer.
Bowe, S. A.—farmer.
Brooks, C. H.—farmer.
Brown, Frank—farmer.
Buchanan, E. R.—farmer.
Buss, I. F.—carpenter
Burwell, A. S.—renter.
Cain, D. G.—Palo Hotel Keeper.
Carver, J.—farmer.
Chripman, M.—farmer.
Clark, S. A.—farmer.
Croghan, T.—farmer.
Cue, George Sr.—laborer.
Cue, George Jr.—farmer.
Cue, Lewis—farmer.
Drafahl, William—farmer.
Dye, P.—farmer.
Evans, C.—farmer.
Evans, D.—farmer.
Fish, H. D.—farmer.
Greene, Jesse—farmer.
Gunnison, M. A.—farmer.
Hall, James A.—farmer.
Haskell, J. S.—blacksmith.
Hayes, J. D.—farmer.
Heins, C.—farmer.
Holman, J. H.—druggist at Palo.
Holman, William J.—doctor at Palo.
Hopper, E.—farmer.
Hopper, L.—farmer.
Hopper, William—farmer
Hurtt, A. S.—lawyer at Palo.
Johnson, David—carpenter

Kane, William—farmer.
Lawson, James—blacksmith
Leipold, Frederic—farmer.
Lint, Sol—stone mason.
Lewis, John—farmer and had a Grit Mill on Bear Creek, near present Dewey Robins farm. Came in 1839.
Lewis, L. Denny—farmer. He came in 1839 when he was 10 years old.
Lewis, Thomas—farmer. He came in 1839 when he was 30 years old.
Lewis, William J.—came in 1839 with father John, 13 years old.
Lightfoot, G. W.—farmer.
Lilliebridge, August—saloon keeper.
Lint, Alex—farmer
Lint, E. H.—farmer.
Langguth, Charles—farmer.
Langguth, Charles Jr.—farmer.
Luntsford, J. V.—farmer.
Luntsford, Levi—farmer.
McArthur, Emery—farmer.
McArthur, James—farmer.
McArthur, Parrett—farmer.
McClintock, J. Walker Jr.—farmer.
McClintock, John W.—farmer.
McClintock, Samuel—farmer.
McConalay,—Blacksmith at Palo.
McCorkle, Benare—farmer.
McCorkle, George—farmer.
McCoy, J. C.—farmer.
McCoy, John H.—farmer.
McCoy, Leonard—farmer.
McKean, H. B.—farmer.
McMannes, A. A.—farmer.
McMannes, F. M.—farmer.
McMannes, Joseph—farmer.
McVey, Cyrus—farmer.
McVey, J. W.—farmer.
Mather, S. B.—farmer.
Metcalf, S. H.—butcher at Palo.
Mills, I. A.—farmer.
Murray, Alex—farmer.
Mobry, Franklin—farmer.
Myers, George—farmer.
Myers, W.—constable
Nelson, Calvin—farmer.
Nicholl, John—farmer.
Nicholl, George—farmer.
Ogan, Nathan—farmer.
Oyer, Nels D.—farmer.
Page, I. B.—Minister at Palo.
Penrose, Lewis—farmer.
Rabe, Carl—farmer.
Rabe, John—farmer.
Railsback, John—farmer.
Ray, John H.—farmer.
Rice, Charles—farmer.
Rice, Joel H.—farmer.
Richards, Dan—farmer and lumberman.
Richards, J. H.—farmer.
Richards, Nathan—farmer.
Roider, Andrew—shoemaker at Palo.
Root, Norman—Justice of the Peace at Palo.
Sarchet, Clark—peddler.
Schleman, John—farmer.
Sheets, E. W.—farmer.
Sheets, George—farmer.
Stratford, F.—farmer.
Stratford, John—shoemaker.
Strawn, Joseph R.
Strawn, Miles—farmer.
Strawn, Nathan—farmer.
Strawn, William—farmer.
Stookey, N. H.—farmer.
Taylor, James—farmer.
Tennent, George—farmer.
Tuttle, Robert—farmer.
Tuttle, W. F.—farmer.

Usher, Henry H.—farmer.
Usher, Albert—farmer.
Usher, James B.—farmer.
Usher, Seymour—In 1841 built the first sawmill.
Uplinger, C.—mechanic.
VanKirk, George—farmer.
VanKirk, Jas—farmer.
Vaughn, Thomas—farmer.
Willard, J. S.—Schoolteacher.
Walker, C. N.—farmer came in 1856.
Wells, Samuel—hotel keeper at Palo.
Whiting, Henry—farmer.
Wright, Lumir—farmer.
Yates, Benjamin—farmer.
Yates, Charles W.—merchant.
Yates, Pliney A.—merchant.

Ye Olden Days

Exact copies of newspaper clippings taken from scrapbooks belonging to Mrs. Mattie Melton

"The ladies of Palo, met at Mrs. Lang's on Saturday night for the purpose of organizing the Ladies Side Walk Society. Mrs. John Cain was chosen president and Miss Ava Blair secretary. The society served dinner and supper on election day and cleared over $12.00. At that rate we will soon be able to walk on our streets without endangering our lives."—Dated 1887.

Rev. Ackerman, our new minister preached a very good sermon last Sunday.

EARLY STRRET SCENE

"Grandma" Hollenbeck, widow of John Hollenbeck, accompanied by her son and daughter, Bennair and Ellen McCorkle, started today for California. She is 84 years of age and has been 38 years a resident of Palo. She is loved and respected by

all, and her departure now in her old age has caused many regrets.

James McArthur has bought the Lawson place and intends to move in March.

J. Richards has bought Kocker's buildings.

Marion Swallom bought the Childs house near the depot.

Our town is taking a "boom"; property is changing hands every few days,—buying, renting, moving; never was such changing known in the history of Palo. Every house is full, and not enough to supply the demand. Some families that wanted to move to town could find no house to occupy.

Horse Shoe Players in the Early 1900's

Last Tuesday, Dr. Baker, assisted by Dr. Earl McCorkle, a student of Rush medical college, removed a cancer from A. Blairs' lip by cutting it out. He administered ether, and while the patient was under its influence, rapidly and skillfully removed it. The doctor has been here only four weeks but has had all the practice he could attend to.

Dec. 26, 1886 — Christmas vacation.

Thomas Clark Lewis has returned from business college in Des Moines to spend the holidays at the home of Thomas Lewis.

Lewis Bottom Hickory Nuts

J. H. Richards has been running the saw mill and the mumps for the past few days. Jake doesn't say which takes the greatest steam power, the saw mill or the mumps.

A young lady has arrived at Bruce R. Murray's.

Seck Shurtliff has bought cattle to graze on land recently purchased.

Tom Railsback is feeding 150 head of hogs, and has them

Ready for market.

Samuel McClintock has gone to Indiana to visit relatives and look after real estate there.

Miss Lizzie Coolahan will teach our school this summer.

Seck Shirtliff has completed the assessment of our township.

Frank Mobry is feeding 21 cent corn into 80 head of hogs, and will soon market them.

Beatty, Railsback, Mobry and McClintock are some of our heaviest stock feeders—they are citizens that we can justly feel proud of.

Yates and McArthur have sold their dry good and grocery store to Rawson and Lewis.

Miss Phoebe Swallum and Will Rehder were united in marriage February 15, 1888, at the bride's home, Esq. Samuel McClintock officiating.

Alva Hollenbeck and Mr. Ayer are doing well with their creamery. They run two wagons gathering cream, and churn about 1000 lbs. of butter per week. They expect to churn that amount per day soon. Last week they built a 30 barrel cistern to hold the butter-milk. They also keep hogs to feed the waste milk. (Later Comment on Palo Creamery.) Mrs. Phoebe Rehder recalls that Alva Hollenbecks' small daughter named Dode, (sister of Mae) fell into the cistern of buttermilk, and very nearly drowned before being rescued.

John Cain has painted his house.

The young people gave an entertainment at the M. E. Church. The following is the program:—Declamation "William Tell," by Jennie Eggleston. Essay "Joan of Arc," by Nellie Barnhill. Recitation "The Palmetto," by Ava Blair. Vocal solo "Only an Ivy Leaf," by Della McKean. Recitation "You Put No Flowers on Papa's Grave," by Lucy McKean. Recitation "The Vale of True Culture," by E. T. McArthur. Recitation "The Legen Beautiful," by Libbie McKean. Declamation "The Water Mill," by Myrtle Barnhill. Vocal duet, "Beautiful Moonlight," by Della and Libbie McKean.

North Fayette Fruit.

Emma Railsback is attending the fall term at Tilford Academy in Vinton.

Daniel Richards is very sick with cholera morbus.

E. T. Pickerill will attend the reunion of his old regiment at Iowa City next week.

Nelson Lint sold to Andy McClintock 400 bushels of corn at 40c per bushel.

About 20 teams are engaged doing county grading in this part of the township.

Our fall term of school began Monday at Lewis Bottom, with Charles Bratton as teacher.

Charles Lewis sold his two and three year old steers to John Railsback at 24 and 28 dollars per head.

Lewis Bottom Butternuts.

Some of our young men have organized themselves, into a string band. For the better practice of music this is a laudible enterprise for them to enter into and is commended by all. L. J. Shurtliff and James Lint take the violin, John Shurtliff the violin, and C. A. Henry the dulcimer. We wish the boys success.

Miss Lizzie Drafhal and T. B. Mobry were married at the residence of the bride, last Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1888.

James and Alvin McArthur have taken advantage of an excursion and gone to Ohio.

A party of sportsmen consisting of Charley Evans, Maurice Baird, John Swallom and James Lint are reported to have killed over 200 hundred rabbits in a single day last week.

Franklin Mobry has telegraphed his daughter, Mrs. Allen Cox in South Dakota an invitation to spend the winter with her parents and stay until the Indian troubles are settled.

Palo Women Have Thanksgiving Dinner with 77 Descendents.

"Mrs. George Hepker has 94 descendents and 77 of them ate Thanksgiving dinner with her, it was also her 83rd birthday. The dinner was held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Rabe." She came by covered wagon and oxen, with her parents, when she was 9 years old. She married Henry Hepker in 1865, and to this union 11 children were born. Later she was widowed, and raised her children alone at Palo.

"Seck Shurtliff relates that his father was a stage coach driver for Lawrence Stark, owner of all stage lines out of Cedar Rapids and with headquarters at the Empire House."

Seck died in 1935 at the home of his niece, Victoria, now Mrs. George McCulloch.

LEWIS-RAWSON WEDDING

Married at the bride's home in Palo, Iowa. Thursday evening Sept. 10, 1883. Mr. John Lewis and Miss Sade A. Rawson.

The matrimonial prophets prediction of long ago came true on Thurs. eve. Sept. 10: when a large crowd of relatives and friends gathered at the residence of our esteemed friend and townsman Mr. W. C. Rawson, to witness the marriage of his daughter Sade A. to Mr. John Lewis, and with words of congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness, start

the young couple on the sea of married life. Both bride and groom are well known hereabouts and nothing but words of commendations are spoken of them. The bride is a daughter worthy of the tenderest parental affections. A bride which promise to be of the most sterling worth as a "help mate," one of whom a husband ought to feel proud. The groom is the son of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed settlers of Linn county "Uncle Tommy" Lewis. John is a gentleman in every sense of the word, his frugality, integrity and industry will win for him and his home, many friends. May much of the real sunshine of happiness be theirs, is the wish of the writer.

Following is a partial list of presents: 1 china Tea Set, 58 pieces. 1 doz. silver knives and forks and 1 doz. teaspoons, from Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnhill, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Willard, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cain, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Carver, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sarchett, Mrs. Amanda Gardner, Miss Etta McCorkle, Misses Della and Libbie McKean, Miss Ana Blair, Miss Nellie Barnhill, Miss Gertie Gardner, Mr. Earl McArthur, "Doc" McArthur and M. P. Blackwell:

Silver Caster—Lute Elson and J. B. Vandyke

Silver Tea Set—Misses Angie and Ella Lewis and Dr. Clarence McCorkle

Pickle Castor—Dora Ogon

Pickle Castor—Mrs. A. M. Vandyke and Mrs. M. Tuttle

Butter Knife—Ella McCorkle

Set Silver Knives and forks—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rawson

Set Silver teaspoons—Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle

Wash bowl and pitcher—Nettie Hayes and Mr. Mobry

Majolica pitcher—Mrs. Happy Sheets and Mrs. M. M. Smith

Napkin holder—Mr. Jacob Sheets
Perfume pitcher—Mrs. Sallie Smith
Cut glass fruit dish—Mr. and Mrs. George Sheets
Cut glass water pitcher—Mrs. E. Vandyke.
Table linen and tidy, and Merediths poems—Mrs. Belle Richards
Pair of Towels—Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Cole
Picture frames—Miss Ella Rogers
Set of goblets—Herbert and Irene Clark
Set of Vases—Mr. and Mrs. Wells
Tennyson's poems—James Elson

History of the 1874 School

Samuel McClintock, Secretary

Samuel McClintock was elected Secretary of the 1874 School to be held in a log school house. This school was located near the Cedar river bend, 3½ miles north of Palo. This same spot formerly had a pier where the first steamer "Black Hawk" landed for freight between the years, 1858 to 1862. Here also the pioneers intended to build a town, named Katieville. Daniel Richard built first saw-mill here in 1841, but the town was never platted and became extinct. Many years later this valley was called "Iowa the beautiful, when artists painted pictures of this scene. The pioneer children attending this log school-house, sometimes saw a deer or an Indian, as they walked along the paths through the woods. Built in 1848, the log school house was 15 ft. square, and had a fireplace built at one end of the room. It was built of logs, and had 1 window and 1 door. The desks were made by boring holes in the logs serving as walls, and placing wooden pins in the holes, then placing planks upon them. Wooden benches were made without any backs. This was the first public school ever held, and Mrs. Martha Lewis was the first teacher.

Samuel McClintock penned on page 1 in his School Record book, dated March, 1874. "The electors of Independent District No. 1, of Fayette Township, Linn County, State of Iowa, met pursuant to previous notice. Thomas Lewis was chosen chairman of the meeting and Samuel McClintock as secretary. Those present proceeded to name the organization "Independent District No. 1." Mr. Jerome Shurtliff was elected President, Samuel McClintock Secretary. L. E. Bloodgood and Thomas Lewis were duly elected as directors."

Mrs. Mattie Melton inherited her father's School Secretary Book, and now her son Loyal Melton has his grandfather's book. (They also have his Justice of Peace Books.) It states he served 25 years.

The transactions of this pioneer school board are most interesting. David Blackburn was the low bidder and received the contract to furnish the wood for fuel, for the entire year for $22.75.

The first teacher was, Miss Verta Glass, who signed her contract, (found in the book), "for a 12 week term, commencing on May 14, 1874, for a salary of $22 per month, during summer school.

On the next page: Lieu Wishart signed his contract for a

$25 per month.

Miss Glass reported the following for 1874—

Average daily attendance of pupils	35
Number of pupils studying Orthography	49
Number of pupils studying Reading	31
Number of pupils studying Writing	21
Number of pupils studying Geography	14
Number of pupils studying Grammar	7
Number of pupils studying U. S. History	9
Number of pupils studying Physiology	1

Verta Glass, teacher, of Lewis Bottom Log Schoolhouse, Reports as follows:

1874-School Roll Call

Independent District No. 1

Parent	Children	Age
Samuel McClintock,	Flora,	16
	Louisa	14
	Mattie	8
	Wm. Grant	10
	Frank	6
A. S. Bloodgood	Estella	15
L. E. Bloodgood	Carletta	12
H. S. Bloodgood	Freeman	7
	Clarence	6
David Blackburn	Hattie	11
	Vianna	9
Archibald Elson	James	11
E. Hopper	Elgie	9
	Annie	5
P. A. Henry	Addie	11
	Christian	10
	Mary	7
W. Jones	Gus	17
Alex Linet	Lovelia	13
	Annie	16
	Mollie	8
J. Wm. Lewis	Nelson	11
	Charles	13
Thomas Lewis	Angie	11
	Ellie	7
	Willie	14
	Thos. Clark	9
	John	17

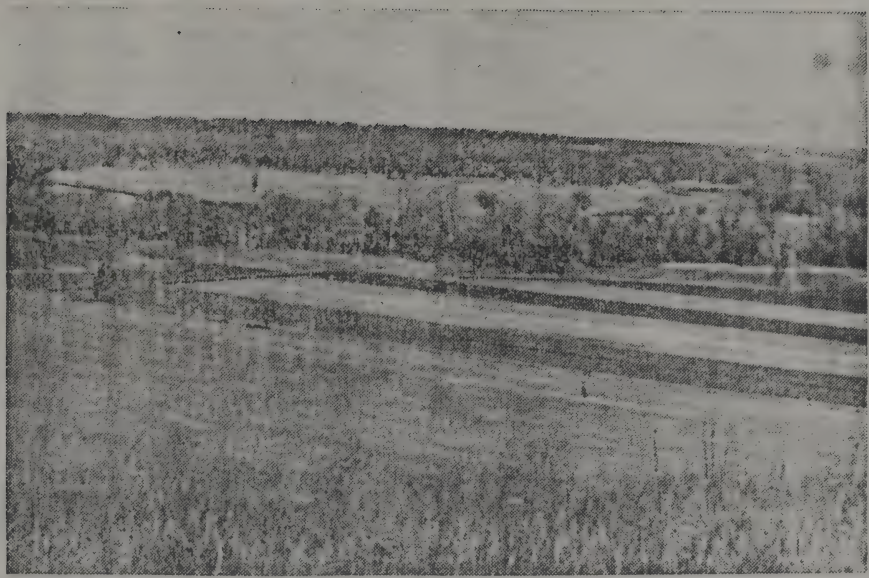
	[illegible]	11
G. Miller	Hattie	8
	George	6
	James	7
Nathan Ogan	Dora	12
	Lucy	10
	James	5
J. H. Rice	Sarah	16
P. Swallum	Sarah	19
D. Richards	W. D.	8
	L. G.	7
J. Shurtliff	Katie	10
	John	7
Marion Swallom	Phoebe	8
	Arminda	13
	Levina	10
E. Pickeril	Berges	8
H. Hall	Viola	9
S. Mather	Amy	8
	Willie	7

1876—Lewis Bottom School, Taken from Same Book

Later, March 13, 1876, Wm. J. Lewis was elected President, and Samuel McClintock continued as Secretary. At this meeting they voted to build a new 2 story wooden school house to be built "this season," and they voted to levy a tax on the taxable property of the district to obtain $300 to build the new schoolhouse. They voted to start a teachers salary fund. This new school was also named, Independent District No. 1,—but it became more commonly known as the Lewis Bottom School. At times they hired two teachers, one teacher upstairs, and one for downstairs when the attendance was very large. This schoolhouse was used for 71 years, and it was disbanded recently in 1947, when the district joined the Palo Consolidated School.

If we were to check and trace the pupils from these school records of Samuel McClintocks,—we would find that many of the present farm owners and citizens of the Palo community, reach back to those ancestors.

Written by Mrs. Loyal Melton



"Iowa The Beautiful"

The log school and the Black Hawk Pier were located in the upper left of the picture. The town of Katieville was also located in this area.

More About Palo

STEAMBOAT "BLACKHAWK", at Palo, 1858

The steamboat "Black Hawk", made our port of Palo in pioneer days. Roads and travel were difficult for the early settlers. Some men decided to try river transportation. We read in "Linn County History, 1878, "A steamboat was built in Cedar Rapids in 1858, by W. D. Watrous, J. J. Snouffner, W. W. Smith, and Mr. Stanley, for the purpose of navigating the Upper Cedar River. The work was done by Freeman Smith, mechanic. The boat was named "Black Hawk" and made regular trips between Cedar Rapids and Waterloo. When the railroad from Clinton was finished to Cedar Rapids in the year of 1859, all the merchandise for Vinton, Waterloo, and other small towns was carried by this boat, and much produce brought down in return.

The boat was 100 ft. long, had a boiler 12 ft. long, and was built in 1858. They did not expect it to go under the only bridge between Cedar Rapids and Vinton, which was at Vinton, they

had men on the Vinton bridge to tear out the middle span, but they found that unnecessary.

The first captain, was Captain Snouffler. The boat made three trips in 1858, and 29 round trips in 1859. But in 1861 the boat and sold to the government and taken south, where it was used as a government supply boat on the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers, during the Civil War.

Listed below are "Black Hawk" ports on the Cedar river.

1. Ushers Mill Bend, near Covington
2. Blairs Ferry, west bank.
3. Sheets Bend, Chain Lakes bridge.
4. Palo, east of Main Street.
5. McGivin Chute, 2 miles north of Palo
6. Katieville Prairie, river bend.
7. Blue Banks, south of Center Point.

Because of the building of railroads and bridges across the Cedar River navigation was never resumed at Palo.

Palo Churches

PALO METHODIST CHURCH

John Hollenbeck and P. B. Yates were of the Protestant Methodist denomination, the former a preacher, consequently the first religious society was formed by them in 1846-47. Mr. Yates soon died and as that congregation became few in numbers, Mr. Hollenbeck united with the Methodist Episcopal class which had been formed before the town was laid off (1854). Services were continued in private homes and the schoolhouse until 1870 when the society erected a neat frame church building 30 x 40 feet at a cost of about $2,000.

About the year 1905, this building was remodeled with stained glass windows, new rostrum, oak pews, a furnace, and new lighting system.

Then in 1948 with the leadership of C. V. Frantz, Alfred Frantz, George Clark, the men of the community, put a full basement under the church, and an oil burning furnace replaced the old.

The Ladies Aid Society with Mrs. C. V. Frantz President at the beginning of the project, have equipped the new kitchen, and furnished the basement for social gatherings of the community, and for use for church school classes on Sunday.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

The present society officers are President, Mrs. Howard Yates; Vice President, Mrs. Loyal Melton; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Richard Kahler.

Today we have in our church, a young people's choir consisting of Senior and Junior groups with about 40 members combined. Supervising the choirs are the Mesdames, E. Bunce, H. F. Kahler, R. E. Kahler, assisted by L. McClurg, Odie Woods, Wayne McVay and Pastor John Tisdale. Pianist, Virginia Allen.

Melvin Young has been Sunday School Superintendent for the past several years, Arthur Rankin has recently been elected to that office. Mrs. Ralph Drake supervises the Junior Sunday School in the basement with an average attendance of 65 children.

The parsonage was modernized in 1953 with the help of Rev. E. E. Bunce, pastor at that time.

Some of the ministers that have served the Palo Methodist church are the Rev. Walter Beaty around 1860, Rev. Iliff, 1865, Reverend David Markham, Will Kirwin, J. P. Van Horn, Fred

A. B. Soule, A. Calkins, Leslie Faris, W. Craig Jenney, Glen Bostrum, Trevor Baskerville, I. O. and Emma Arnold, (T. M. Nielson) C. W. Harrop, E. E. Bunce, John R. Tisdale 1954.

In the early years between 1856 - 1875 there were United Brethren, Baptists and Evangelical denominations organized holding services in homes and in the Methodist church, but they were discontinued in a few years. Otherwise in the town of Palo we have had but one church, the Methodist.

The Lewis Bottom Methodist Church "The Church on the Hilltop" overlooking the Cedar river valley of Lewis Bottom, was organized and built in 1878. This church is located 3½ miles north of Palo, and along with the Lewis Bottom school has been abandoned of its functions since combining with the town of Palo since the modern days of consolidation and good roads and the automobile.

The Lincoln Church, is another country church of Fayette township, and it is located about 3½ miles southwest of Palo.

In the spring of 1900, members and friends undertook the building of the church. The cornerstone of the new church was laid September 23, 1900. It continues as an active church.

20th CENTURY CLUB
Bottom row: Katie Yates, Helen Eye, Viola Yates, Nancy Carver.

Second row: Mrs. Maxwell, Emma Yates, Ida Lewis, Effie Owens.
Third row, standing: Jane Yates, Margaret Young, Ida Mather, Mrs. McFarlane, Belle Young, Mrs. Gossett and Clara Langguth. Many of the ladies were also members of the Palo Ladies Aid.

Palo Schools

SCHOOL IN TOWN OF PALO

Picture About 1904

First row, left to right:— Albert Lauer, Libbie Langguth, Mae Hollenbeck, Cecil Livermore, Nora Morrison, DeWitt Oyer.
Second Row: Alice Myres, Mary Hayes, Ora Sisley, Jessie Livermore, Bertha Hepker, Maude Conklin, Louis Konklin, Will Barlow.
Third row: Phoebe Livermore, Bessie Seymour, Helen Lawrence, Burm Hayes, (teacher, Herbert Thompson), Della Kocher, Nettie Hepker, Frank Livermore.

EARLY SCHOOL HISTORY

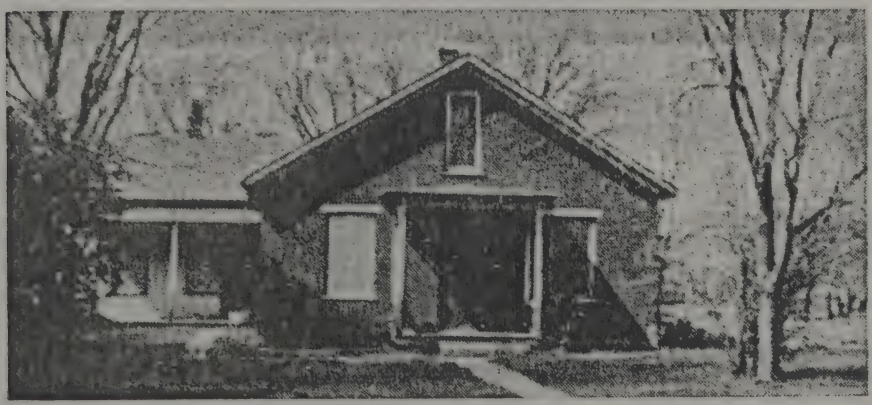
In 1843 and 1844, George Slonaker, the blacksmith, taught a

subscription school in his cabin on his claim.

Rev. Mr. Johnson taught a subscription school in 1846 in a cabin where he lived on the Thomas Lewis claim.

The first public school was the log cabin school built in 1848 on the Cedar river bend of Lewis Bottom and the first teacher was Mrs. Martha Lewis, wife of John Lewis (brother of Uncle Tommy Lewis).

A school was held in the winter of 1854-55, three-quarters of a mile south at the Joseph McMannis house, the teacher being Ellison D. Marsh. School was conducted in 1855 in the John Cole home. The first school in the town with J. F. Wishard as teacher was in 1856, in the house built by Charles Morris which afterward burned down. The next school was in H. M. Campbell's house with Mr. Crew as teacher then a Mr. Miller. In 1858 a one story brick building 28 x 30 feet in size was erected, and was used for 15 years until a new school was erected and at the present time is used. It is located 2 blocks west of the business district. The two story frame building with two rooms was erected in 1871. John S. Willard was the first teacher that taught here, then Miss Rosetta Sargeut. In 1893, two teachers were hired, they were Aaron Rife and Lucy McKeen. Others were Anna Penrose, Georgia Mills and Herbert Thompson.



PALO SCHOOL HOUSES

FIRST PALO SCHOOL IN TOWN — 1857

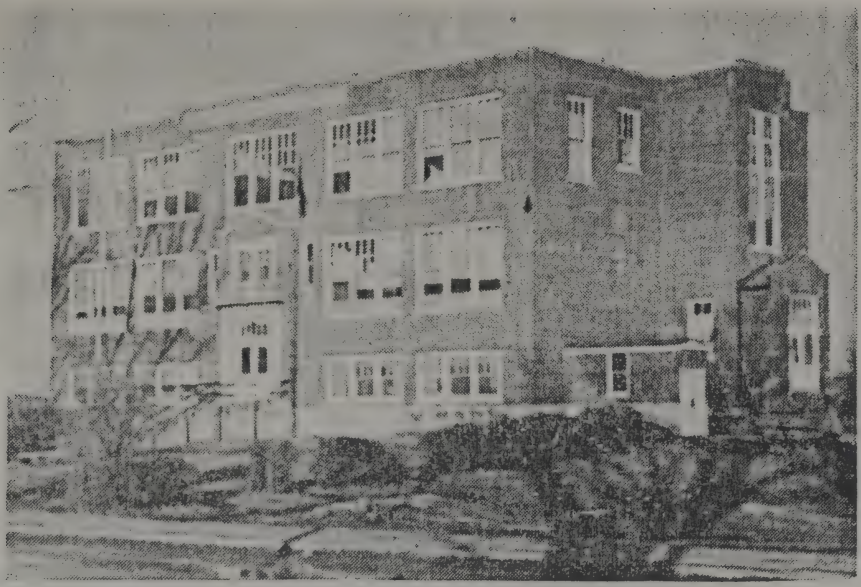
The first "schoolhouse" erected in the vicinity was about a mile and a half southeast and was known as Cedar Bend.

The next school was a frame building north of the business 1857 and was called "Goose Hill", brick ruins remain present today.

SECOND TOWN SCHOOL — 1871

The next school was a frame building north of the business district and opposite the present consolidated school. At the time of consolidation, school was held in an old school building and in the Woodman Hall.

The first consolidation was in 1917-18, and election was contested and found illegal, which annulled the consolidation. Another election was held and consolidation carried. A temporary building was built and called a "Sheep Shed," to accommodate the pupils while the new building was being constructed.



PRESENT SCHOOL — 1922

Our present brick building was erected in 1922.

"ROUND PRAIRIE DISTRICT NO. 4"
2 Miles north of Palo. Date 1910
Back row left: Teacher, Glen S. Moubry, Fern Langguth, Grace

Back row left: [illegible], Alan S. [illegible], Tom [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible]

Rehder, Ora Ransback, Victoria Shutliff, Loyal Melton, Raymond Hepker, Wencil Rehder and Rupert Hepker.
Front row: Minnie Dronebarger, Lena Dronebarger, Leroy Bowden, Helen Shurtliff, Edith Rehder, Ruth Dronebarger.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 — OF FAYETTE TOWNSHIP

Lewis Bottom 1897 - Teacher Miss Greta Lamb

Phoebe Hopper, William "Pete" Hopper, Charlie Hanover, Ida Hopper, Alta Emerson, Julia Booth, Elva Emerson, Bessie Elson, J. Garner Mather, Bertha Hopper, Miss Greta Lamb (teacher), Elmer Hanover, Ira Lewis (plaid tie), Walther Blackburn, Roseo Burgess, Clarence Evens, Glenn Clemans, Essie Mather, Ida Richards, Bessis Hopper, Mae Hopper, Berith Booth, Dawn Booth, Dan Evens, Clarence Hanover, Waynne Elson, Cora Mather, Blanche Murray, Grace Dye, Perry Burgess, Myrtle Richards, Mae Hopper, Verle Elson, Will Lint, Waldo Burgess, Esther Booth, Maud Elson, Reuben Lewis, Edith Hopper, Glenn Elson, Eleanor Murray, Blanche Dye, Ernest Hanover, Clarence Hopper, Helen Elson, Lelia Elson, Edna Murray, (on knees, left) Ralph Clemens, Perry Burgess, Roy Van Fossen, Charlie Lint, Ike Booth, Cliff Dye, Jim Lint, Paul Blackburn, Ruth Lewis.
Pictures belong to Mrs. Will Andrews, former Ruth Lewis, Palo, Iowa.

PALO TEACHERS OF 1954

Kindergarten — Mrs. Richard Weepie
First and Second Grade — Mrs. Raymond Lindmark
Second and Third — Miss Clara Hazeltine
Fourth and Fifth Grade — Mrs. Floyd Frantz
Sixth and Seventh Grade — Mr. Richard Weepie
Eighth Grade — High School Teachers
Home Economics — Mrs. Thomas DeWees
English and Typing — Mrs. Carl McCalley
Coach — Mr. Max Anderson
Principal and social studies — Mr. George Meadows
Superintendent of Schools — Mr. Carl McCalley
Veteran's Training — Mr. Arthur Rankin
Substitute Teacher — Mrs. Edwin Booth
Hot Lunch Cooks — Mrs. John Comp, Mrs. Ray Langguth
Custodians — Mr. and Mrs. John Maeder

EARLY HISTORY

The first school superintendent after consolidation in 1918 was C. J. Fisher with the school in Woodman Hall. School was first held in the new building in 1922. The superintendent was Walter Shupp.

Palo School Band

PALO SCHOOL BAND 1937 - 1945

1st row front left:
Saxophones: Jean Rehder, Lorraine Young, Margaret Silha, George Little.
2nd row, Clarinets: Beverly Trusant, Floyd Frantz, Naomi Lit-

tle, Dick Yates, Wayne McVey, Mary Jane Waddle, Letha Waddle, Mildred Saha, Kathleen Kahler, Kathryn McFarlane, Max Melton. Teacher Howard Ellson, (Standing)

3rd row, Cornets: Maxine McVey, Anabelle Yates, Barbara Freeman, Carl Whiting, Lois Yates, Edna Railsback, Howard Yates, Clyde Yates.

Flutes: Janice Hayes, Jeanie Owens.

4th row back:

Sousaphones: Bob Little, Glen Little.

Bass Horn: Ethelyn McCulloch.

Baritone Horn: John Gibney, Hazeldel Yates.

Trombones: Rita Melton, Lois Hayes.

Bass Drum: Faye Rehder.

Snare Drums: Herbert Waddle, Laurence Little, at times Clyde Yates.

Alto Horns: Lorrenne Young, Joyce Rehder.

Other charter members were: Betty Carol Steffenson on clarinet, and Stella Mae Steffenson who played bass drum. Wm. Julius, a high school teacher organized the first Band in 1934. He was followed by Mr. Barriger, another high school teacher.

The Palo Band association was organized in 1937, by the parents. The association elected, Loyal Melton President, and he served until 1942 then Mrs. George Young, Sr., was elected. Howard Ellson of Marion was hired as Band instructor, Band members were from the 3rd grade to the 12th grade. Aug. 19, 1939, the Palo Band went to the Chicago Music Festival.

Old Palo Band - another band has been reported to have been organized here many years ago, and some citizens here remember hearing the band that delighted everyone with music, about 1902. It was named the Woodmen's Band and Adolph Scherzik was director. Recall that members came from the Young and Yates families and various other woodmen.

Palo's 1931 Super Basketball Team

Back row standing:
Supt. W. P. Glasgow, Raymond Gillis, Harry A. Yates, Nelson Stookey, Coach Allan Lowell.
Seated:
Edwin Booth, Geo. Young, Kenneth Van Nott, Richard Eye, Ike McAllister, Ralph Drake and Dick Kahler.

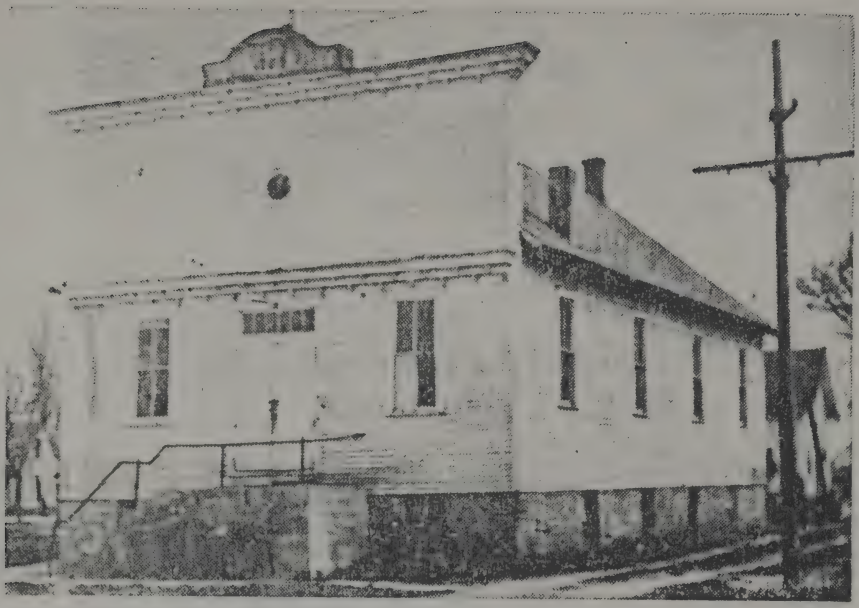
American Legion

The Palo Legion was first organized February 2, 1946. They purchased their building from the Ladies Aid Society, July 5, 1946.

AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 1953 - 1954

Commander ..... Robert McAllister
Vice Commander ..... John C. Krueger
Adjutant ..... John A. Krueger
Chaplain ..... Roy McClurg
Treasurer ..... Warren McClintock

Each year they sponsor an auction and supper for Polio benefit, and various other activities.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The Palo Auxiliary was organized May 8, 1947 with 13 members.

Present membership is 35 members.

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OFFICERS 1953-1954

President ..... Maxine Gibney
Vice President ..... Elsie Sanders
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Eleanor McAlister
Chaplain ..... Louise McClurg
Historian ..... Nelle Mather
Sgt. At Arms ..... Gertrude McClurg

TROOP NO. 52

The Boy Scouts of America were organized in Palo during March, 2954. Sponsorship is by the Palo Methodist Church, which also sponsors a Cub Pack.

4-H CLUB

4-H Clubs—A large membership in both girls and boys Clubs, named Fayette Farmerettes and the Fayette Farmers.

PALO SAVINGS BANK

1954 Present Personnel: Cashier: J. Warren McClintock; Bookkeeper: Neva Carr.

This community has had continuous service from our Palo Savings Bank, since it was organized in 1908. It was one of the few banks in Linn county that did not close during depression years.

Important Events

PALO WOMAN WINS BEAUTY CONTEST IN NEW YORK CITY

It's a fact, and the winner is Mrs. Ida Lewis. When Mrs. Ida Lewis was 75 years old she went to visit her daughter Helen, in New York City. During the time she was in the "big City", the Photographers Convention was in progress and they were conducting a beauty contest, with the rule that the ladies must be 75 years of age. They took Mrs. Lewis' photo and she took first place award and received a prize.

Below, the Beauty Prize Winning Photo

Mrs. Ida Lewis

PALO WOMAN MAKES NEW YORK CITY NEWSPAPER FRONT PAGE

Mrs. Ida Lewis, on the same trip, became involved in a big train wreck. After visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Helen (Lewis) Brockman; she visited her grand~~mother~~ father, the former Ruth Railsback, in Schenectady, N. Y. Mrs. Lewis boarded the train going at a very high rate of speed, to make up late time, rounded a sharp curve; the train left the tracks piling up the coaches and wrecking them, and killing 30 people and injuring a great number. Mrs. Lewis was badly shaken up but escaped serious injury. She found that she seemed to be about the only passenger with a flash light. She remained calm, took her flashlight and gave aid to the injured. She was proclaimed a heroine.

AIMEE McPHERSON

Evangelist Speaks at Palo, 1933

Mrs. Aimee McPherson, the famous evangelist preached throughout the United States to very large crowds of people, in very large, elegant churches. But she spoke on a plank platform in the middle of the street of Palo in August of 1933 when Palo was having a big celebration that day.

When the collection was taken Mrs. McPherson refused to take any pay and turned all the money over to our church. Mrs. Linnet Aitcheson contacted "Aimee" in Cedar Rapids and secured her for Palo's Big Day.

Disasters

DISASTERS AND TRAGIC HAPPENINGS

The John Cain Drug Store, located south side of our main street where our present Feed Store stands, burned in 1904.

The Yates Brothers general store located on the north side of the street where the Post Office now stands, burned in 1912.

Pioneer days:— John Drake was kicked by a horse and was almost instantly killed. He leaves a wife and 17 children.

Mr. Livermore and Mr. Dickinson, Palo residents about 1908, while walking on the railroad tracks, were struck and killed by a train.

John Drafahl while walking on the railroad tracks was struck and killed by a train, about 1936.

Railroad Crossing accident, northwest of Palo, near the Burgess home, about 1932, killed two men in a truck from Cedar Rapids.

Railroad crossing accident southwest of Palo, (adjoining the G. Yates farm) a Ralph Young was killed. He had rented the Joe Beatty home.

Main Street After Fire in 1912

N. D. Oyer was struck by lightning while closing a window in his home. He was instantly killed, this happened about 1906.

Miss Phoebe Livermore of Palo was instantly killed by lightning in 1910. She was only 17 years of age.

Roy McCorkle, age 19 years, was killed in an automobile accident west of the John Wiley farm, about 1916.

A Palo youth, Tom Burgess, age 18, died from a gun wound. The 12 gauge shot gun was discharged accidently when one of his companions was crawling through a barb wire fence. Dated about 1923.

John Beatty drowned in the Cedar Raiver, 2½ miles northeast of Palo on October 13, 1915. He was 31 years of age.

Airplane crashes, March 1949, two miles south of Palo on the Glenn Van Note farm killed Donald and Ronald Fleshhouder, brothers from Minnesota. They were canning factory officials flying from Cedar Rapids to Vinton.

In 1953 Marvin Copeland was drowned east of town in the Cedar River. He and Ernest Chamberlain had gone fishing and the boat they were in overturned.

Charles Walker McClintock was killed in an automobile accident in 1939.

The Palo Savings Bank was held up and robbed March 23, 1923. The robbers escaped with $2,344 after tying up the cashier, J. Warren McClintock. They were later captured and sentenced.

Palo Centennial Merchants

Herb's Hardware Store — Herbert Kahler
Palo Welding Shop — John Stookey
Palo Garage — Hillary and Donald Zeller
Palo Savings Bank — Warren McClintock
Kahler's Jack Sprat Store — Richard Kahler
Hepker's Locker — Howard Hepker
Al's Barber Shop — Al Beshow
Palo Post Office — Olive Squires
Rural Mail Carrier — Tilson Petro
Eye Bros. Clover Farm Store — Ellsworth and Richard Eye
Louis Eye & Son, Chevrolet Dealer — Louis and Richard Eye
Welcome Inn Tavern — Mrs. Nora Waddle
Matheny's Tavern — Oscar Matheny
Palo Feed Store — Fairfax Grain Co.
"Coffee Cup" Restaurant — Mrs. Doris Burt and Mrs. Hazel Hepker
Red's Auto Service — Red Randell
Lyle's Sign Service — Lyle Dodd
Consumer's Oil Co. — Ralph Pratt
Contractor - excavating & bulldozing — Jay Sanders

Professional:
Supt. of School — Carl McCalley

MAIN STREET IN 1954

Minister — John Tisdale
Notary Public — George Squires

TOWN OF PALO INCORPORATED, 1905

Listed below, Palo Mayors:—
W. C. Wright
Ed. Engle
(W. C. Wright)
Ed Sisley
I. J. Booth
Roy Langton
Fred Schnell
Delbert Baldwin
Louis Eye
George Squires
Odie Woods
Lloyd Hepker
John Florang
Odie Woods, 1954

Doctors:

Palo had resident doctors in earlier years. Our last Palo doctor was Dr. G. A. Brant, who came in 1927 and practiced here for some 10 years.

Postmasters for the Palo Post office:—No. 1.—John Hollenbeck, 1847 - 1877; No. 2 Joseph Barnhill. Later ones: Mrs. Linnet Aitchison, 1914 - 1922. She was the first to take Civil Service examinations. Webb Wright served about 30 years

total at two different times. Harry Depay followed after Mr. Aitcheson. Miss Olive Squires is our present postmistress.

Palo has a volunteer Fire Department. This year the town bought a new fire truck.

The town granted the first franchise for electricity 7-10-1915. Lights were turned on 3-12-1917.

Telephones were first installed around 1903. The present Mutual Telephone Co., was incorporated about 1920. The present operator is Mrs. Carl Swallom.

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Three top notch speakers, plus a full schedule of events, are being planned for the centennial celebration here June 4 and 5.

Rep Thomas E. Martin, candidate for United States senator from Iowa, William S. Lynes and William H. Nicholas, Iowa governor candidates, were scheduled to speak at the 100 year anniversary.

A carnival opens the affair Friday evening, June 4. Saturday morning, June 5, a parade is in order. The speakers are scheduled for afternoon festivities. Free acts and entertainment will be held all afternoon and evening. Supper will be served at the Methodist church in Palo.

A dance at the Palo American Legion hall highlights the evening entertainment. Music will be furnished by Ray Long's orchestra.

Merchants and each organization represented on the planning committees donated cash toward the free entertainment.

Centennial committee in charge of the celebration includes, Mayor O. R. Woods, Robert McAllister, Mrs. Howard Yates, and Mrs. Loren Gibney. Edwin Booth is secretary-treasurer.

Chairmen of the other committees include: Roy McClurg, parade; Dick Dauenbaugh, entertainment; Loyal Melton, concessions; Don Zeller, dance; Jay Sanders, sports; Eleanor McAllister, advertising; Jim Thomas, beards; Neta Melton, historical, and Ethel Bull, refreshments.

We have worked diligently to make as complete a history of Palo as possible, but we were limited by time and space. We are sorry if we have omitted items of importance. We hope you will enjoy the book.

We thank all you nice people who have been helpful to our committee. Mrs. Loyal Melton has done much of the compiling of the book, with the assistance and help of other members appointed on the Historical and Advertising Committee of the Palo 1954 Centennial.

Signed

Mrs. Robert McAllister
Odie Woods
Dick Kahler
Mrs. Loyal Melton

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